(d) what steps have been taken by Government in this regrd so that these backward districts of the State can be made industrially self-reliant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) to (d) There is no proposal to launch any new Rural Development Schemes in State of Punjab during the current financial year. However, the ongoing major Rural Development Schemes viz. (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), (ii) Training for Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), (iii) Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), (iv) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), (v) Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), and (vi) Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) will continue to be implemented in the State of Punjab.

Funds for employment through Khadi and Village industries

561. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for Khadi and Village Industries for implementing employment generation programmes;

(b) whether the fund has been made available to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission; and

(c) if so, the details of Plan formulated by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission for generation of employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Out of a total outlay of Rs. 343 crores an amount of Rs. 130 crores has been earmarked for disbursement to Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for the year 1995-96 under Rural Employment Generation Programme as a sequel to the High Power Committee recommendations. Rs. 65 crores have already been released to KVIC for implementation of the programme.

For implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme, KVIC has formulated the following employment generation programmes:-

(i) Implementation of Special Employment Programme in 125 RPDS Blocks throughout the country.

(ii) Special Employment Programme in 50 selected Districts.

(iii) Special Projects in thrust areas like leather, handmade paper, pottery, bee keeping, etc.

The employment generation in these programmes will be 1,000 per block in 125 Block Special Employment Programme, 10,000 per district in District Special Employment Programme and about 100 per project in Special Projects Programme.

WHO Guidelines for the Eradication of Tubacco-Related Diseases

562. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of WHO guidelines and other decisions for the eradication of tobacco-related diseases;

(b) whether Government are party to these guidelines/decisions;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to implement the same; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HELATH AND FAMILY WELFAE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) WHO has *interalia* recommended the adoption of administrative and legislative measures for discouraging the use of tobacco products; the organisation has emphasized the extent health hazards caused by the use of tobacco for educating the public. There are however no WHO guidelines.